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Subject: FW: Letter from Acting EPA Administrator Wheeler to Tribal Leaders re: Clean Water Action section 404(g)

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Subject: Letter from Acting EPA Administrator Wheeler to Tribal Leaders re: Clean Water Action section 404(g)

Dear Tribal Environmental Directors and Regional Indian Coordinators,

The EPA is undertaking a comprehensive revision to the Clean Water Action section 404(g) to modernize these regulations and foster a greater interest by tribes and states in assuming this authority. The EPA would appreciate the opportunity to discuss these potential regulatory improvements with representatives from tribes in a tribal consultation period planned for this fall. The EPA will send consultation letters to all tribal government leaders to initiate tribal consultation at that time, with further details regarding the planned tribal consultation period. Details of this effort are included in the attached letter from Acting EPA Administrator, Andrew Wheeler, to tribal government leaders; also enclosed please find a summary of the key steps a tribe would take to assume CWA section 404 authority for reference. Please let me know if you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance at this time.

Sincerely,

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